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SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President, members of the body, I also support Tyson's amendment, and also reluctantly, because I certainly don't like to give people the opportunity to raise taxes. But I know that the community college up there is in a unique situation, unlike some of the other community colleges, and this is the only way they have the opportunity to fix this. As far as throwing money at them, I don't know that's what they're doing. They have the ability to tax themselves. And because they have that ability, I think it's important that we let them have that ability. And that's all this bill actually does. And I will give the rest of my time over to Senator Tyson.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Maxwell (sic). Senator Bourne, I am not raising your taxes. This bill will not raise your taxes. This bill will raise my taxes. Now, as regards other solutions to this problem, I'm aware of them. I would support any one of them. And if we start now and work vigorously at the usual pace of the Unicameral, we can get that job done in a couple of years. The need is now. I was even willing to discuss, I hesitate to use this kind of language in the Unicameral, a deal, my apologies, with Senator Landis, remembering as I did that old saying, passed down through generations, who sups with the devil needs use a long spoon. And I was willing to discuss that with "Devil" Raikes. But we don't have time. The need is now. Not one penny of the money raised by this amendment will be spent, or for that matter, even used...the levy will not be used if it's not necessary. We are not spendthrifts. We have run a very, very tight ship. And that ship now needs a little help, and that's what I've come to this body for, to be able to continue programs that solve long-term problems for the state of Nebraska. We can continue to export our most valuable product. God knows I have. I've exported four of my six children out of this state. What NECC is doing is teaching skills that are applicable to Nebraska, that provide jobs in Nebraska, that provide skills that is necessary for the industries that come to Nebraska. But because it does not fit neatly into a little hole, and at the bottom of that hole we read these words: one size must fit all. No, it